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SUBJ: PASOK'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY: PAPANDREOU'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

1. "STRUGGLE" WAS THE WATCHWORD AS ABOUT 25,000 VOCIFEROUS PASOK FOLLOWERS AND ANDREAS PAPANDREOU SUPPORTERS GATHERED IN ATHENS THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 6 TO CELEBRATE THE PARTY'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

2. WAVING MANY WELL-MADE BANNERS, THE YOUNGISH, BLUE JEANED CROWD ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED CALLS FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FACTORS WHICH MAKE POSSIBLE THE LIFE STYLE MOST OF THEM SEEM TO ENJOY, E.G. "BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY," "CAPITALISM," AND THE U.S. AND NATO. THEY ALL SEEMED TO AGREE THAT GREECE MUST MARCH QUICKLY TOWARDS "SOCIALISM" AND JOIN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST "IMPERIALISM"--IN SHORT JOIN THE "THIRD WORLD." (RADICAL ARABS WERE PROMINENT AT THE RALLY: "COMRADELY" BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BA'ATHIST MOVEMENT WERE READ; AN INDIVIDUAL BILLED AS THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS AMONG THE FEW SPEAKERS.)

3. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, PASOK LEADER, GAVE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS, KINDLING GREAT ENTHUSIASM FROM THE CROWD BUT
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ADDING LITTLE TO WHAT HE HAS SAID ALREADY. THUS, HE

ATTACKED THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE LABELED THE "GOVERNMENT OF THE RIGHT," BELABORED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND NATO FOR THEIR ALLEGED SINS IN GREECE, AND REJECTED THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

4. PAPANDREOU ALSO MADE HIS USUAL GESTURE TOWARDS THE GREEK MILITARY, DECLARING THAT IT HAD BEEN BETRAYED BY THE LEADERS OF THE JUNTA, ADDING THAT THE ARMY AND THE PEOPLE ARE UNITED BY COMMON INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT ALL PASOK WANTS FROM THE ARMY WAS "GREEKNESS" AND "NEUTRALITY."

5. IN KEEPING WITH HIS APPARENT DESIRE TO OCCUPY ALONE ONE POLE OF A POLARIZED GREECE, PAPANDREOU REJECTED THE IDEA OF A COMMON "ANTIDICTATORIAL" FRONT OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES. RATHER, HE SAID, THE NEED OF THE MOMENT IS FOR UNITY AT THE BASE--AN APPARENT PLOY TO ALLOW PASOK TO SUCH AWAY THE MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS, PARTICULARLY THE CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES FOLLOWERS OF GEORGE MAVROS. KUBISCH

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